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SUBJECT: BRESCIA BOMB ATTACK

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1. FOUR HOUR NATIONWIDE GENERAL STRIKE TO PROTEST BRESCIA BOMBING INCIDENT WAS MARKED BY MASSIVE RELLIES IN ROME, MILAN AND OTHER ITALINA CITIES AND BY FREQUENT CLASHES BETWEEN EXTREME LEFT MILITANTS AND POLICE. MOST COMMON TARGET OF DEMONSTRATORS WERE OFFICES OF MSI AND OTHER FAR-RIGHT ORGANIZATIONS, ALTHOUGH MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE HURLED AGAINST DC HEADQUARTERS IN ROME AND AN OFFICE OF AIR IBERIA IN MILAN. NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES HAVE YET BEEN REPORTED, AND POLICE FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND.

2. BRESCIA TRAGEDY IS UNANIMOUSLY BLAMED ON THE FAR-RIGHT, WHOSE PRIOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN BRESCIA AREA HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT
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OF THE RALLY AT WHICH EXPLOSION OCCURRED. MINISTER OF INTERIOR

TAVIANI TOLD PARLIAMENT NIGHT OF MAY 28 THAT PERPETRATORS ARE BELIEVED TO BE LINKED TO TWO NEW TERRORIST GROUPS, ANNO ZERO AND ORDINE NERO, WHICH ARE DIRECT SUCCESSORS TO FAR-RIGHT ORDINE NUOVO OUTLAWED LAST NOVEMBER. BRESCIA INCIDENT HAS PUSHED "RED BRIGADE" KIDNAPPING OF GENOA DEPUTY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SOSSI OFF THE FRONT PAGE, DESPITE ARREST MAY 28 IN FLORENCE OF ONE OF SUSPECTED RING LEADERS.

3. COMMENT: BRESCIA TRAGEDY POSES NO OBVIOUS THREAT TO GOVERNMENT STABILITY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT FAR-RIGHT IS TO BLAME. CISL LEADERS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR SATISFACTION AT GOVERNMENT'S OPEN RECOGNITION OF INCIDENT'S FASCIST CHARACTER, AND ADD THAT TODAY'S VIOLENCE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO EXTREME LEFTIST GROUPS, PRIMARILY STUDENTS, RATHER THAN WORKERS WHO HAVE HEEDED UNION CALLS FOR THEM TO MAINTAIN THEIR DISCIPLINE AND DIGNITY. VOLPE

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